



THE OUTLOOK

news and views from the City of Spring Hill, Kansas | January 2016

The City managed day-to-day operations at the Spring Hill Aquatic Center for the first time in 2015. | A 2016 budget was approved that allows us to complete key projects while holding property tax rates steady. | An updated emergency operations plan will help City officials be ready to tackle disasters efficiently and effectively. | Revisions to our building stimulus program provide plenty of attractive incentives to developers without negatively impacting City revenue. | The Spring Hill Arts Council was dissolved as a City board so that the group could operate as its own 501c3 organization. | A new interagency plan for the future of the 223rd Street corridor will help Spring Hill's busiest commercial district

SMALL TASKS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

In our annual Review/Preview issue of the City newsletter, we give a lot of attention to flashy major projects. While we're certainly excited about our accomplishments last year and our big plans for this year - you can read about both on the following pages - we also take pride in the countless everyday tasks and smaller triumphs that come together to make Spring Hill a great place to live. The projects listed here are just a few of the ways your City government worked to create a better community for you in the past year.

accommodate growth with major infrastructure improvements through 2040. | Updated curfew regulations provide a balanced approach to keeping our youth safe. | Community Development staff worked through zoning processes that allowed new businesses including an arts retreat, microbrewery, and event center to come to Spring Hill. | Cracks were sealed across the City to lengthen the life of our street system. | New City telephone numbers allow residents to speak with the person they need more quickly. | In conjunction with the Spring Hill Historical Society and Spring Hill Arts Council, historic signage was placed downtown to highlight the fascinating stories and heritage of Main Street. | Parks across the City received updates including new mulch, landscaping, and sidewalks.

← 2015 REVIEW

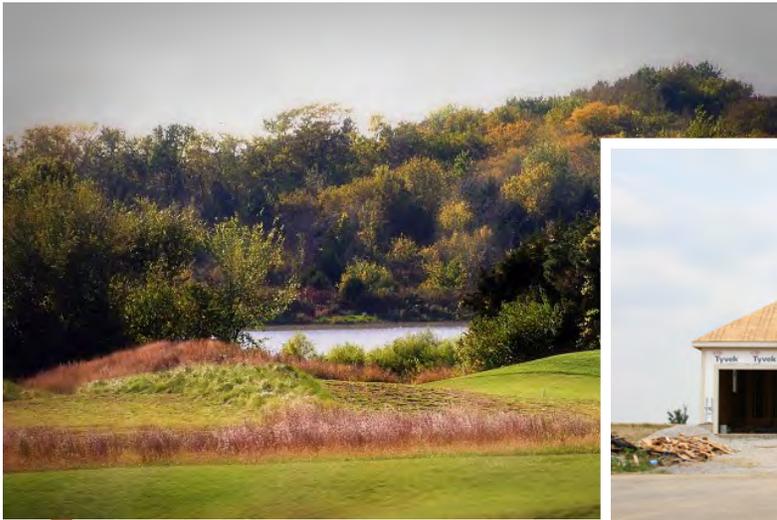
A TOWERING ACHIEVEMENT

The City's water tower has long been in need of repairs. This local landmark received a fresh coat of paint inside and out along with vital upgrades over the summer. Now, the tower can keep providing us quality water for many years to come and serve as a shining feature we can all take pride in.



LOCAL VOICES, BETTER CHOICES

Our new Neighborhood Walk & Talks program helped City elected officials and staff connect with residents and their needs in a more personal, one-on-one setting. Great ideas and suggestions came out of these discussions, which will return in spring 2016.



ON THE ROAD TO A FUTURE PARK

The first step in getting a new park was making a way to easily get to the park. Over the course of 2015, staff worked to acquire access needed to build a road to the future West Lake Park location. Once proper access agreements were finalized, planning for the new park road could begin. Work is expected to begin in 2016.

PAPERLESS & EFFORTLESS

Making your monthly utility payment can now be done more quickly and easily thanks to two new initiatives - e-statements, which allow your bill to be sent via email, and automatic payment withdrawal. You can sign up for one or both programs by visiting City Hall.

BOOMING BUILDING

By the end of 2015, builders had filed 75 permits for new homes - the most for a single year since 2005. If all these homes are occupied by at least two people, Spring Hill will be on track to top 6,000 residents for the first time in the city's history next year. With growth also surging in the business sector, we're looking forward to a busy, successful 2016.



2016 PREVIEW



GREATER OUTDOORS

With preliminary planning finally complete, design work is expected to finish and construction planned to begin on the West Lake Park in 2016. The City has also budgeted for a citywide trails system plan. Watch for opportunities to let us know where you'd like to see trails and what features you'd like to see included in the new park.



CONNECTING ONLINE

An extensive redesign and restructuring of the City's website will result in a more vibrant, easy-to-use site that meets the needs of our residents while highlighting all our city has to offer to future businesses and neighbors. City staff are also looking at new software that will help streamline customer service needs.

Before the new website launches, you'll be able to access a great new feature: a project tracker page designed to keep you up to date on the plans featured here, as well as other great projects we'll tackle throughout 2016.



PAVING THE WAY FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Funding has been secured for a northbound acceleration lane at 207th and Webster streets, and construction is planned to begin in 2016. The new lane will help relieve congestion as large trucks access Webster Street from the industrial park.

PLANNING THE FUTURE OF THE CIVIC CENTER

Throughout last year, City staff has diligently worked to find options to address the numerous structural, efficiency, and safety issues presented by the Spring Hill Civic Center that are both practical and cost-effective. Solid plans for this valuable facility are in the works and will be presented next year. Staff plans to present and implement a strategy for the Civic Center that will provide a safe, streamlined place for city staff to work and a vital resource for the community's needs for recreational and rental space.

JANUARY 2016 CITY CALENDAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR

City offices closed January 1



04

Public Safety
Advisory Board
meeting, 7 p.m.

06

large item
trash day:
Miami County

07

Planning
Commission
meeting, 7 p.m.

11

Green Board
meeting, 7 p.m.

14

City Council
meeting, 7 p.m.

“The time is always right to do
what is right.”

City offices closed January 18 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



27

large item
trash day:
Johnson County

28

City Council
meeting, 7 p.m.

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE SPRING HILL CIVIC CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



pet
licenses

Stop by City Hall to pick up your 2016 pet tags. Licenses are \$5 for neutered male and spayed female pets or \$10 for unaltered pets. Owners must present valid proof of rabies vaccination for all pets and must show documented proof that the pet has been spayed or neutered in order to receive the discount.

weekly events

AT THE SPRING HILL CIVIC CENTER

OPEN GYM

The Civic Center gym is open to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

STUDENT STUDY HALL

Free fast wireless internet is available to students from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Reception Room.